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1. AS MY LETTER OF FEB. 11 POINTED OUT, THE RSO AND I WENT OVER THE NIAMEY REQUIREMENTS IN DETAIL WITH THE ADMIN OFFICER, GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER (A CONSTRUCTION SPECIALIST) AND A LOCAL CONTRACTOR LAST JANUARY. THAT THE EMBASSY HAS CHOSEN A DIFFERENT CONTRACTOR CANNOT

ALTER THE FACT THAT THE GSO POSSESSES THE SPECIFICATIONS WHICH ARE ALL RATHER SIMPLE; E.G., THE LOBBY AND LANDING WINDOW GRILLS IN THE CHANCERY WERE TO BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS GRILLS ALREADY INSTALLED ON OTHER CHANCERY WINDOWS (PROBABLY BY THE SAME CONTRACTOR). THE GSO ADVISED US HE WAS ABLE AND WILLING TO SUPERVISE THE JOB HIMSELF; NEVERTHELESS WE OFFERED THE EMBASSY ALL THEY MAY NEED IN THE WAY OF TSO, CB OR RSO ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE TO SEE THAT THE JOB WAS DONE PROPERLY.

2. THERE OBVIOUSLY IS NO ONE WE COULD SEND WHO WOULD BE QUALIFIED TO JUDGE THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE PROJECTS OR QUOTE NEGOTIATE AN ADVANTAGEOUS CONTRACT END QUOTE. THE RSO HAS ALREADY PROVIDED THE STANDARDS
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BUT CAN REPEAT THEM DURING HIS UPCOMING VISIT AND

DETAIL A CB TO MONITOR THE WORK, IF REQUIRED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE ARE THE VERY SAME POINTS DISCUSSED WITH THE EMBASSY IN JANUARY, AS WAS THE FACT THAT IF THEY CHOOSE TO USE REGIE BECAUSE ONLY THAT FIRM HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS ABILITY TO PERFORM, WE OBVIOUSLY WILL HAVE TO PAY THEIR ASKING PRICE.

3. SUGGEST RSO CLARKE BE ADVISED TO REPEAT HIS SPECIFICATIONS TO THE EMBASSY, REPEAT HIS OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND URGE THE EMBASSY TO LET THE CONTRACT AND GET THESE PROJECTS UNDER WAY WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

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